

GUARDIAN ANGELS' RCPS HANDWRITING JOINS

In Nursery, the focus is on children making marks that begin to make sense to them.

In Reception, letter formation is taught through the RWI Phonics Programme.

In Year 1, letter formation is consolidated in the Autumn Term. From Spring Term onwards, lead ins are taught. Year 1 children will use a handwriting book with guide lines.

In Year 2, children will begin to learn how to join letters. Firstly, using the joins set out below, then, when confident, applying these joins in words.

Children in Years 2-6 will use their English Skills books, without guide lines, for handwriting lessons unless a specific need requires them to use a book with guide lines.

Children should know the difference between ascenders and descenders. They should be taught where small letters stand in relation to tall letters. In all writing, handwriting should be corrected where there are no leads or flicks, incorrect joins and where handwriting isn't joined at all. Children should be taught that 'f' is a special letter as it is both an ascender and a descender and letters that finish on the left (b, g, j, p, s, y (and q)) are not joined.

Primary letters

a c o s u e r m n i v w x z

Ascenders

b h l k t d f

Descenders - These are not joined - no loops.

g j p q y f

As an addition to our school font, horizontal joins from *o, r, u, v, w* and *x* are taught as 'washing line joins'.

Small Letter Joins

aa	ac	ao	as	au	ae	ar	am	an
ca	cc	co	cs	cu	ce	cr	cm	cn
ua	uc	uo	us	uu	ue	ur	um	un
ea	ec	eo	es	eu	ee	er	em	en
ma	mc	mo	ms	mu	me	mr	mm	mn
na	nc	no	ns	nu	ne	nr	nm	nn
ia	ic	io	is	iu	ie	ir	im	in
av	aw	iv	iw	ev	ew	uv	uw	cv
cw	mw	mw	rw	nw				

Tall Letter Joins

hb	hh	hl	hk	ht
lb	lh	ll	lk	lt
kb	kh	kl	kk	kt
tb	th	tl	tk	tt
db	dh	dl	dk	dt

Small Letter to Tall Letter Joins

al	cl	ul	el	ml	nl	il
ab	cb	ub	eb	mb	nb	ib
ah	ch	uh	eh	mh	nh	ih
ak	ck	uk	ek	mk	nk	ik
at	ct	ut	et	mt	nt	it
ad	cd	ud	ed	md	nd	id

Tall Letter to Small Letter Joins

la	lc	lu	le	lm	ln	li	lr	lo
ha	hc	hu	he	hm	hn	hi	hr	ho
ka	kc	ku	ke	km	kn	ki	kr	ko
ta	tc	tu	te	tm	tn	ti	tr	to
da	dc	du	de	dm	dn	di	dr	do